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For : SUBSTRATE TRANSFER APPARATUS FOR  
COMPONENT MOUNTING MACHINE

**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, the Examiner  
is requested to enter the following amendment.